

REMARKS

Claim Status

Prior to this amendment, claims 1–4, 7, 9, 10, 20–22, 25, 26, 33–35, 38, 39, 46, 47, 50 and 51 were pending in the instant application. With this amendment, claims 1–4, 7, 9, 10, 20–22, 25, 26, 33–35, 38, 39, 46, 47, 50 and 51 have been cancelled, and new claims 105–136 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, including the claims of the application as originally filed. Support for new claims 105 and 106 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 20–25 of page 6, of the specification as filed. Support for new claim 107 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 11–23 of page 5 of the specification as filed. Support for new claim 108 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 7–19 of page 11 of the specification as filed. Support for new claim 109 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9 of the specification as filed. Support for new claim 110 can be found, *inter alia*, in line 14 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification. Support for new claim 111 can be found, *inter alia*, in line 25 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification as filed.

Support for new claims 112–114 and 116 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9 of the specification. Support for new claim 115 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9, and in lines 7–19 of page 11 of the specification. Support for new claim 117 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9, and in line 14 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification. Support for new claim 118 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9, and in line 25 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification.

Support for new claims 119–121 and 123 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9 of the specification. Support for new claim 122 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9, and in lines 7–19 of page 11 of the specification. Support for new claim 124 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9, and in line 14 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification. Support for new claim 124 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9, and in line 25 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification.

Support for new claims 126–130 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 1–12 of page 14 of the specification as filed. Additional support for new claim 127 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 11–23 of page 5, and in lines 15–21 of page 9 of the specification. Additional support for new claim 128 can be found, *inter alia*, in line 14 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the

specification. Additional support for new claim 129 can be found, *inter alia*, in line 25 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification.

Support for new claims 131–136 can be found, *inter alia*, in line 25 of page 11 to line 6 of page 12 of the specification as filed. Additional support for new claim 133 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 15–21 of page 9 of the specification. Additional support for new claim 134 can be found, *inter alia*, in lines 11–23 of page 5, and in lines 15–21 of page 9 of the specification. Additional support for new claim 135 can be found, *inter alia*, in line 14 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification. Additional support for new claim 136 can be found, *inter alia*, in line 25 of page 5 to line 5 of page 6 of the specification.

No new matter is added by the amendment to the claims. Accordingly, entry into the instant application is proper and respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1–4, 7, 9, 10, 20–22, 25, 26, 33–35, 38, 39, 46, 47, 50 and 51 are rejected as being allegedly unpatentable over Shirota *et al.*, Jonas *et al.*, and Bender *et al.*

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1–4, 7, 9, 10, 20–22, 25, 26, 33–35, 38, 39, 46, 47, 50 and 51 is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1–4, 7, 9, 10, 20–22, 25, 26, 33–35, 38, 39, 46, 47, 50 and 51. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 105–136 satisfy all the criteria for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance and solicit an early passage of claims 105–136 to issuance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

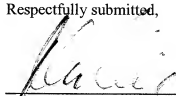
Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, including fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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